

# Ronald Rewald

## tells his story

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made by one of the sporting goods company employees. Rewald said he was charged because he was an owner.

Because the proceedings were "far away from my home (as I recall, approximately 160 miles), it was economically unfeasible for me to fight the prosecution," he said. It "made more sense to plead guilty to a misdemeanor, which I did." Rewald also said he paid the money back.

● **Schooling** — He said he was born in Milwaukee, Wis., in 1942 and grew up there, "attending" South High School.

Rewald made no reference to his claim, now rejected by the university itself, that he was graduated from Marquette University and its law school, but his Kansas City Chiefs training camp roster listed his college as Marquette, indicating Rewald was claiming that association almost 20 years ago.

● **His family** — He said he married his present wife, Nancy Imp Rewald, when he was 18, and that they have three daughters and two sons, aged 12 to 19.

● **The Central Intelligence Agency** — "The information out thus far on Rewald's or (the company's) connection to the CIA, if any, has not come from me regardless of what the (bankruptcy) trustee or media purport. My only position thus far has been one of no comment to anyone in this regard."

Rewald's affidavit was filed in support of his motion seeking release of some of his assets to pay for his defense in a criminal theft case and in civil proceedings against him and his company. He is being held in Oahu Community Correctional Center on \$10 million bail on two theft counts.

He also sought to block a motion for a summary judgment that would declare his company bankrupt without trial.

Interim bankruptcy trustee Hayes has estimated that 400 investors pumped \$10 million to \$12 million into Bishop, Baldwin, since its formation in 1977, and that most of the money is gone.

Rewald attempted suicide by slashing his forearms on July 29 after Channel 2 television broadcast a report of state regulators' questions about his firm. He was arrested on his release from Queen's Medical Center and has since been indicted on two state counts of theft.

His only previous public statement was an interview with television reporter Larry Price while Rewald was still in the hospital.

Rewald's affidavit was part of a larger package of documents sealed Friday by the U.S. district court clerk on belief that it all came under a sealing order issued Thursday by U.S. District Judge Martin Pence because of possible reference to the CIA and classifiable national security matters.

The filings were made by attorney Smith, who said earlier that he was going to request that a portion be sealed in any event, but that part of it contained no classifiable materials.

The Advertiser was able to review a copy of the non-classified portion of the filing. It included only one reference to the CIA — Rewald's claim that he himself has made no statement about that agency. It also contained several local newspaper clippings referring to the alleged CIA connection.

The sealed documents have been referred to the U.S. attorney's office and the CIA for examination in detail.

When the clerk's office closed Friday, the U.S. attorney's office had not made public any conclusions about which portions of the filing, if any, should remain sealed. It was understood that CIA personnel were to work over the weekend if necessary to finish a review of the documents before a hearing Tuesday on the

Rewald, Smith said, must be allowed access to his personal assets to pay for his criminal and civil defense.

The company assets, Rewald said, include:

● **Wendell Phillips' oil drilling investments**, potentially worth \$1 million. (Hayes says these may be worthless or may bring \$750,000, depending on whether oil is struck somewhere off the coast of Korea.)

● **An interest with Honolulu attorney Russell Kim in a Far East trading company** due \$175,000 in commissions, half of which would come to Bishop, Baldwin. Kim is a formal legal consultant to the firm who maintained his law offices in Rewald's suite at Grosvenor Center. Kim could not be reached for comment yesterday.

● **An allegedly delinquent \$75,000 loan from the company to a John Von Crom in American Samoa.** (Von Crom, reached by telephone yesterday, said he received a personal loan of \$9,000 from Rewald in 1979 and — later — a \$30,000 loan from Bishop, Baldwin to finance a condominium